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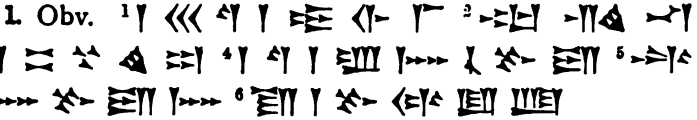
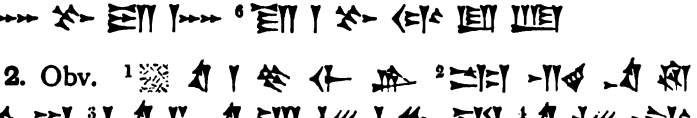
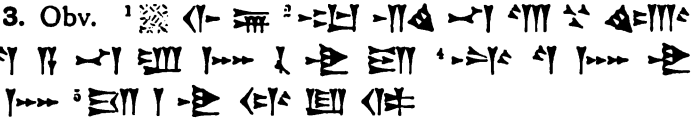
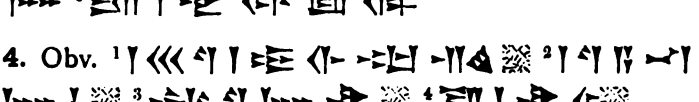
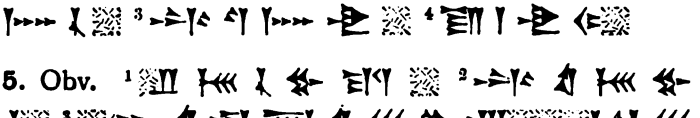
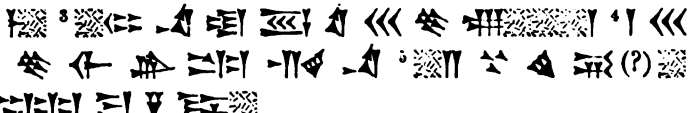
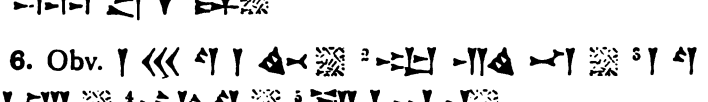
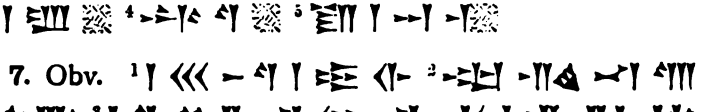
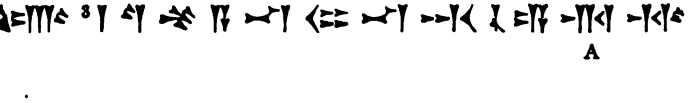
1. Obv. [1]  [2]  [3] [4]  [5]  [6] 

2. Obv. [1]  [2]  [3]  [4]  Rev. [1]

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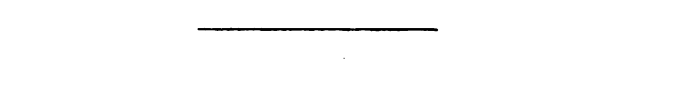
4. Obv. [1] [2]  [3] [4]

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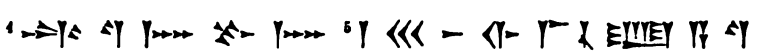
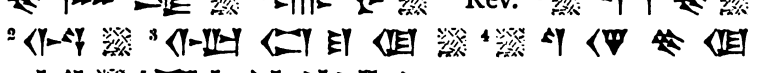
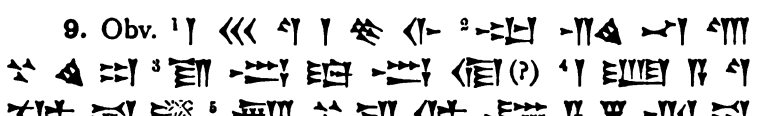
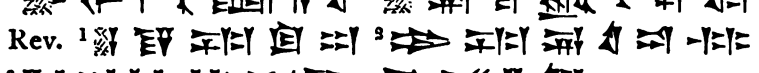
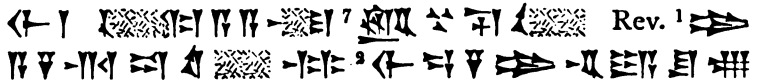
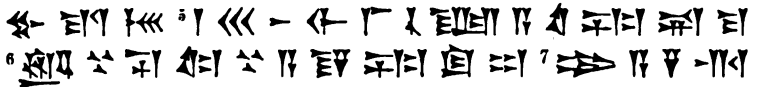


8. Obv. Rev. 

9. Obv. 

10. Obv. Rev. 

11. Obv. Rev. 

12. Obv. Rev. 

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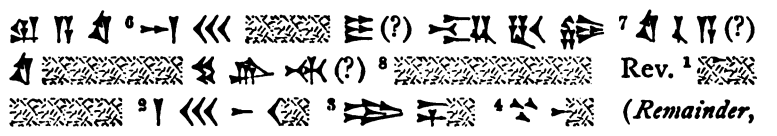

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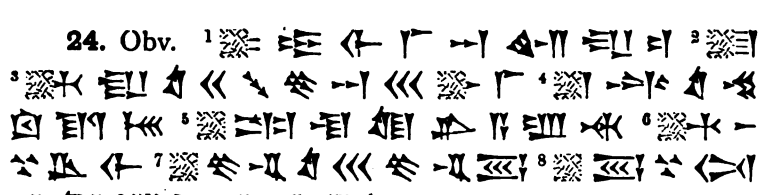

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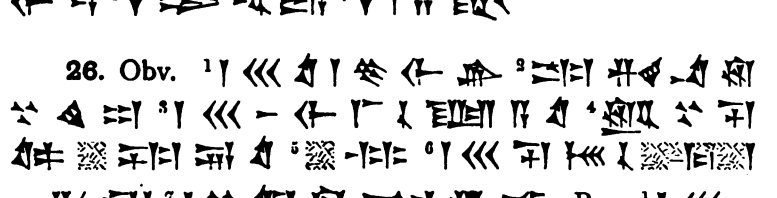

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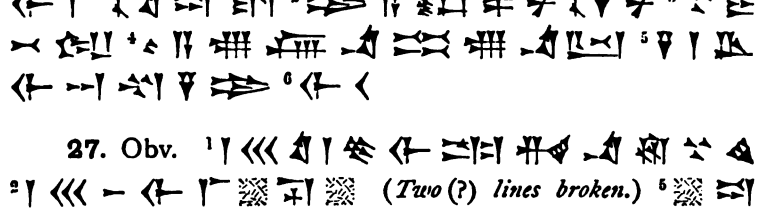

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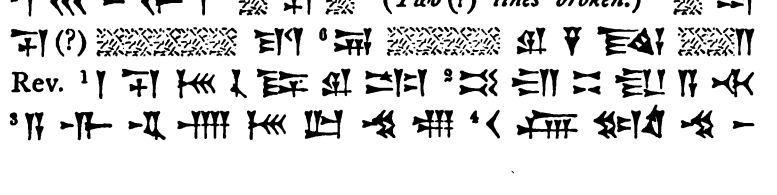

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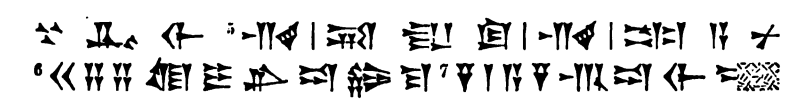
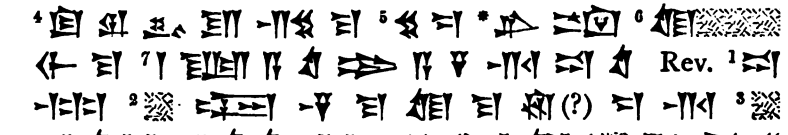
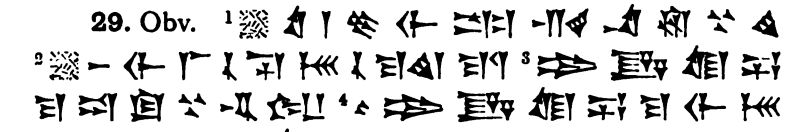
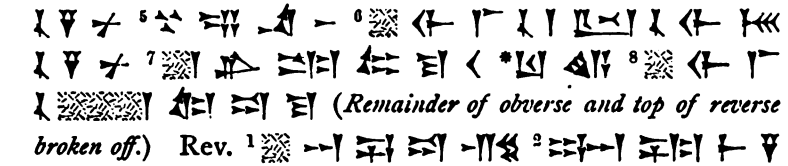
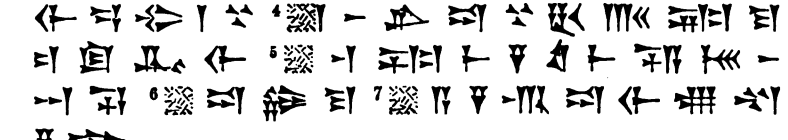
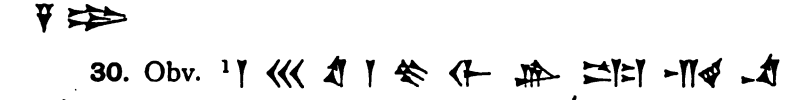


28. Obv. Rev. 

29. Obv.  (*Remainder of obverse and top of reverse broken off.*) Rev. 

30. Obv.  Rev. 

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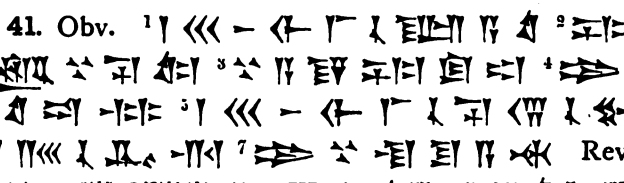
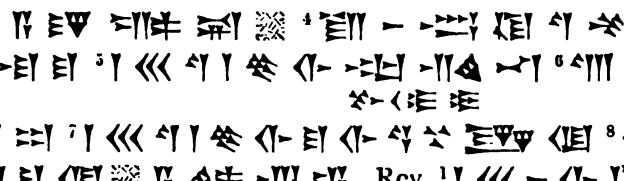
41. Obv. 

42. Obv. 

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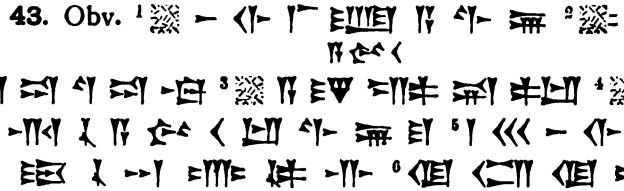
43. Obv. 

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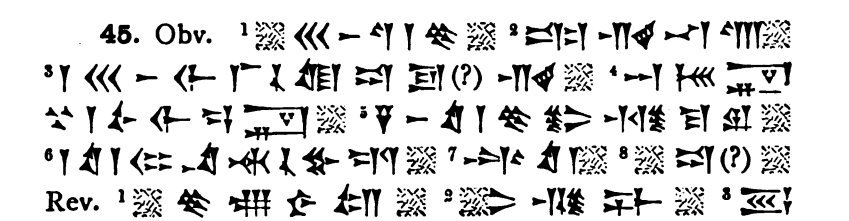
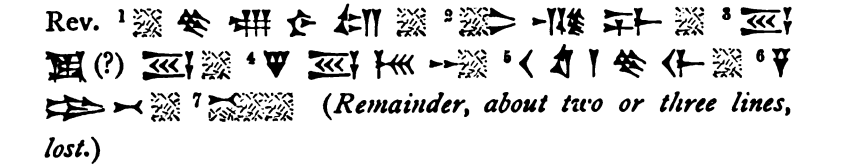
45. Obv. 
Rev. 
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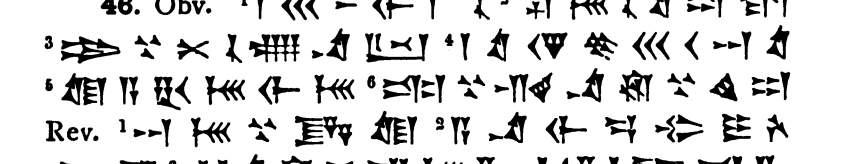
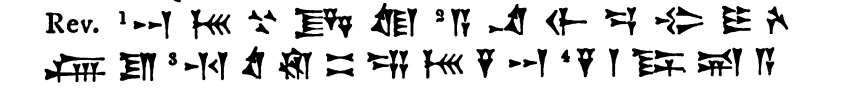
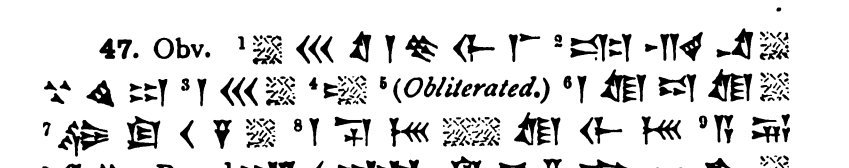
46. Obv. 
Rev. 

47. Obv. 
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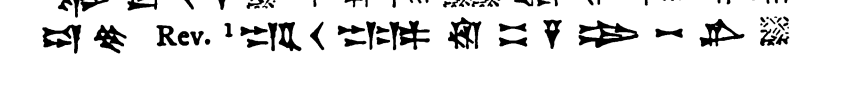
Rev. 

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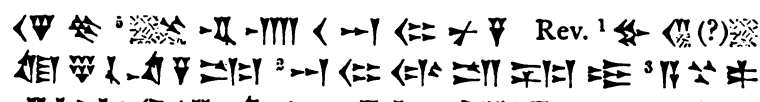

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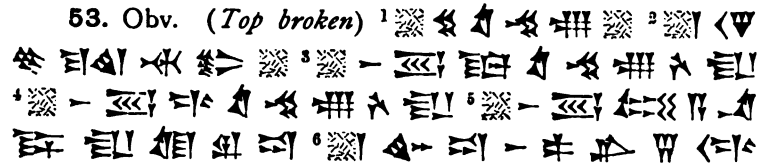

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Rev. Left-hand edge.

85. Obv.

Rev.

86. Obv.

Rev.

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87. Obv. (*Remainder of obverse, perhaps two lines, lost.*) Rev.

88. Obv.

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92. Obv. [illegible]

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96. Obv. Rev.

97. Obv. Rev.

98. Obv. Rev.

99. Obv.

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Rev.

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105. Obv.

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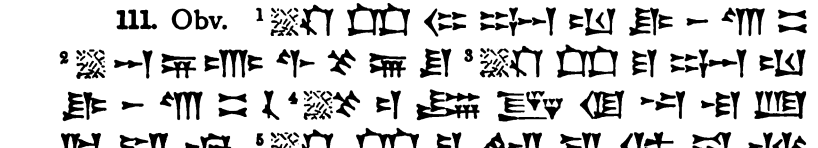
111. Obv. 

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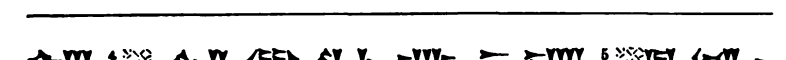
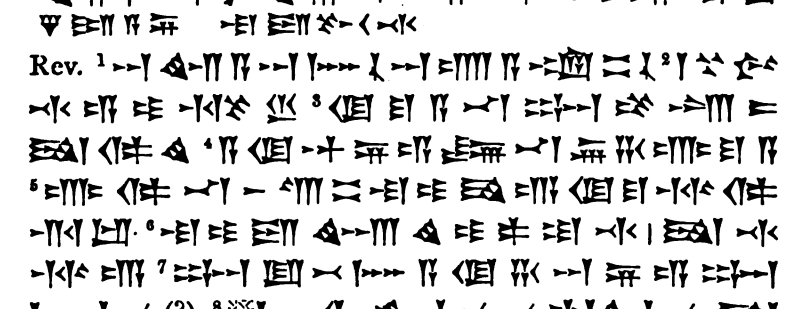
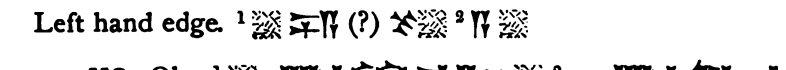


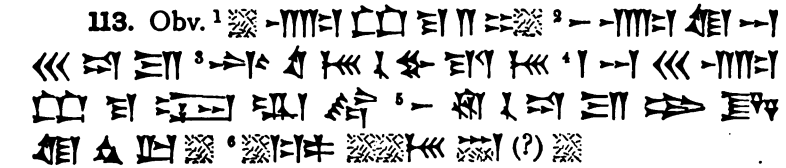
112. Obv.

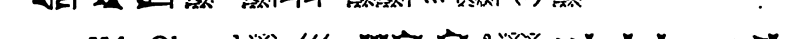
Rev. 

Left hand edge.

113. Obv.



114. Obv. 

Rev. 

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115. Obv. [illegible]

116. Obv. (Top wanting) [illegible]

117. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

118. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

119. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

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120. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

121. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

122. Obv. [illegible]

123. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

124. Obv. [illegible]

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125. Obv.

126. Obv.

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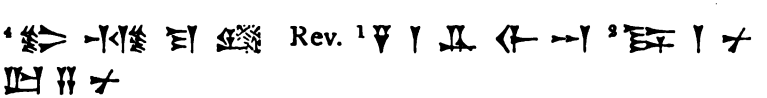
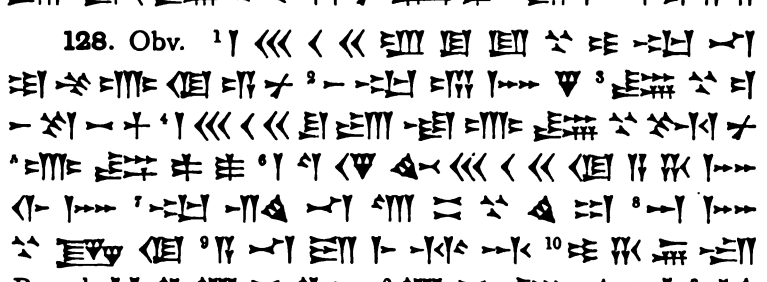


127. Obv.

128. Obv. 

129. Obv.

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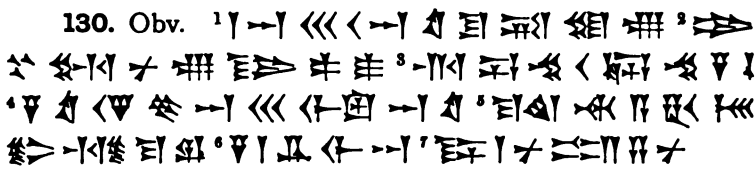
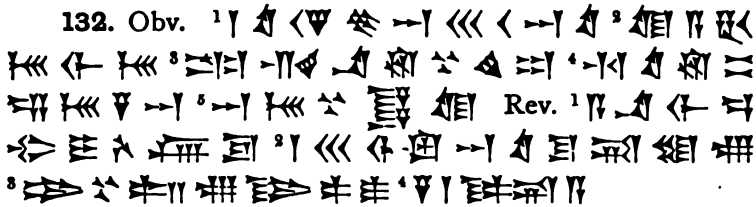
130. Obv. 

131. Obv.

132. Obv. 

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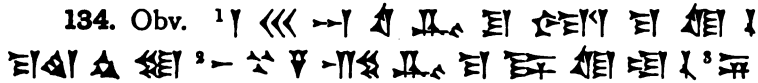
134. Obv. 

135. Obv. [1]

Rev. [1]

136. Obv. [1]

Rev. [1]

137. Obv. [1]

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138. Obv.

139. Obv.

140. Obv.

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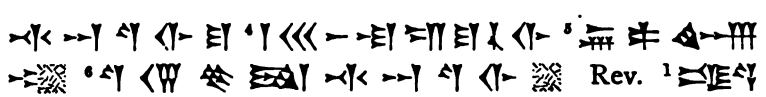
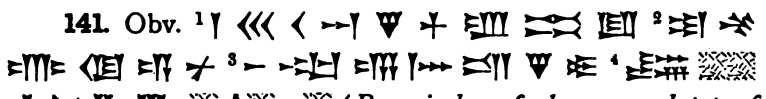
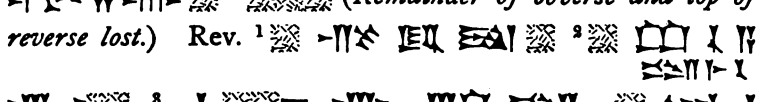


141. Obv. 
(*Remainder of obverse and top of reverse lost.*) Rev. 

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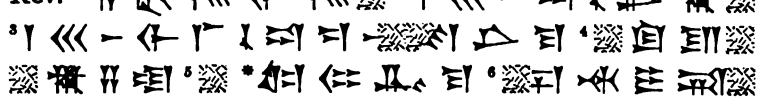
Rev. 

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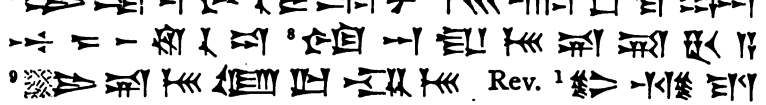
Rev. 

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144. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

145. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

146. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

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147. Obv. Rev.

148. Obv. Rev.

149. Obv.

Digitized by Google

150. Obv.

151. Obv.

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152. Obv. [illegible]

Rev. [illegible]

153. Obv. [illegible]

Rev. [illegible]

154. Obv. [illegible]

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155. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

156. Obv. [1] [2] [3]

157. Obv.

158. Obv. (Top broken)

159. Obv.

160. Obv.

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161. Obv.

Rev.

162. Obv.

Rev.

163. Obv.

† Erasure.

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164. Obv. Rev.

165. Obv.

166. Obv. Rev.

167. Obv.

Digitized by Google

168. Obv.

Rev.

169. Obv.

Rev.

Digitized by Google

170. Obv. (*Top broken*) [illegible] Rev. [illegible] (*Remainder broken off.*) Left-hand edge [illegible]

171. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

172. Obv. [illegible] (*Remainder of obverse and top of reverse broken off.*) Rev. [illegible]

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173. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

174. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

175. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

176. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

177. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

178. Obv. [illegible]

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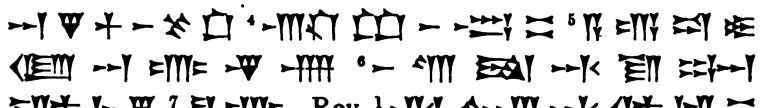
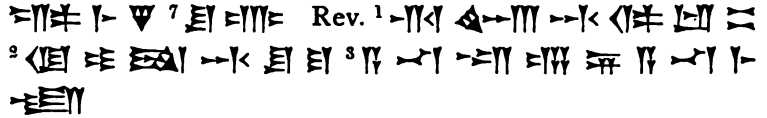
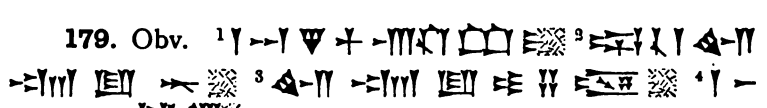
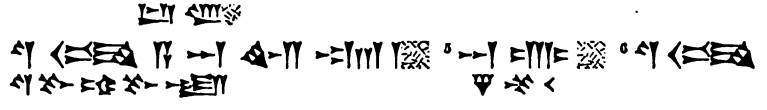
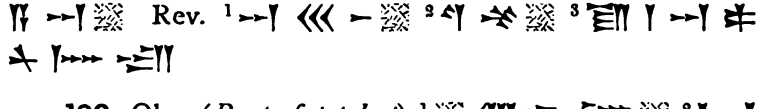
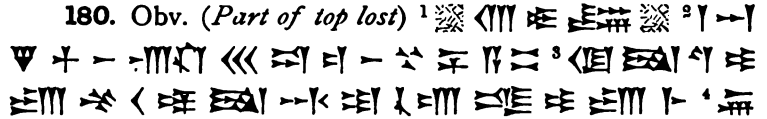


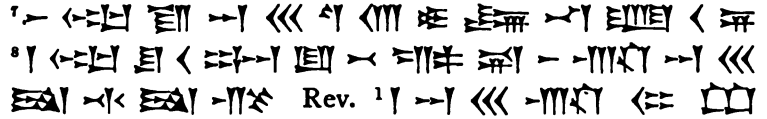
179. Obv. 

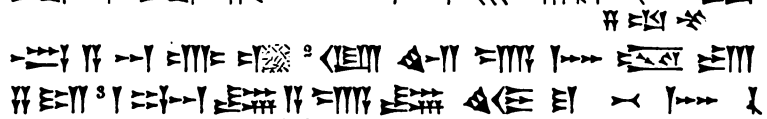


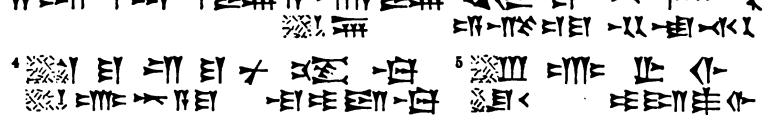
Rev. 

180. Obv. (*Part of top lost*) 



Rev. 





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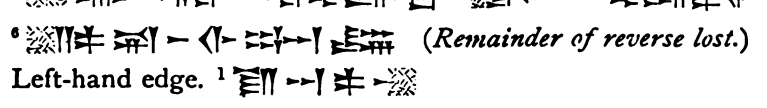
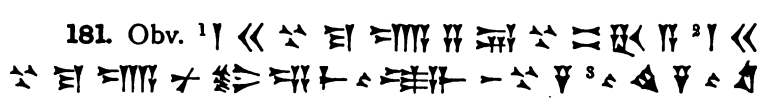
Left-hand edge. 

181. Obv. 

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182. Obv. Rev.

183. Obv. Rev.

184. Obv. [image]

Rev. [image]

185. Obv. [image]

Rev. [image]

186. Obv. [image]

Rev. [image]

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187. Obv.

188. Obv.

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189. Obv. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Rev. 1 2

190. Obv. 1 2 3 4 5 6 Rev. 1 2 3

191. Obv. 1 2 3 4 5 Rev. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

192. Obv. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Rev. 1

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193. Obv. Rev.

194. Obv. (*Remainder of obverse and top of reverse broken off.*) Rev.

195. Obv.

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196. Obv.

197. Obv.

198. Obv.

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199. Obv. [1] [2] (?) [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] (?) (*Remainder of obverse and top of reverse wanting*). Rev. [1]

200. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

201. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4]

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202. Obv. [illegible]

203. Obv. [illegible]

204. Obv. [illegible]

205. Obv. [illegible]

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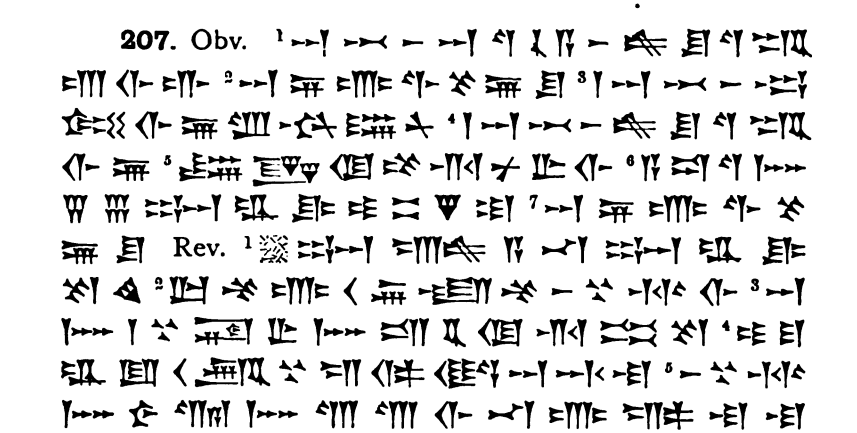
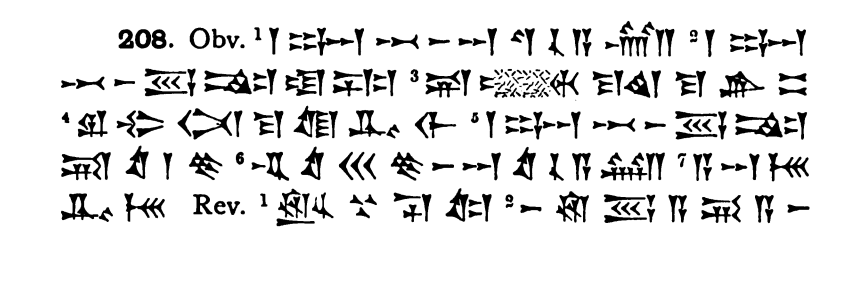
206. Obv.

207. Obv. 

208. Obv. 

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209. Obv.

210. Obv.

211. Obv.

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212. Obv.

213. Obv.

214. Obv.

215. Obv.

216. Obv.

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217. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

218. Obv. [1] [2] [3] Rev. [1]

219. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

220. Obv. [1] [2] [3] Rev. [1] [2]

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221. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

222. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

223. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible] (*Remainder broken.*)

224. Obv. [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

225. Obv. (*Top missing.*) [illegible]

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Rev. (*Top missing.*)

226. Obv.

227. Obv.

Rev.

228. Obv.

229. Obv.

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230. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] Rev. [1] [2] [3]

231. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] Rev. [1] [2] [3]

232. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [13] [14] [15] Rev. [1]

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233. Obv.

234. Obv.

Rev.

235. Obv.

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236. Obv.

237. Obv.

238. Obv.

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239. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

240. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] (?) Rev. [1] [2] (?) (?) [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] (?) (?)

241. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] Rev. [1]

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242. Obv. [image] Rev. [image]

243. Obv. [image] Rev. [image]

244. Obv. [image] Rev. [image]

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245. Obv. [1] [2] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]

246. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] Rev. [1]

247. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] Rev. [1] [2] [3]

248. Obv. [1] [2] Rev. [1]

249. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

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250. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] Rev. [1] [2]

251. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

252. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4]

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253. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] Rev. [1]

254. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] Rev. [1] [2] [3] (?) [4]

255. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] Rev. [1]

256. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] Rev. [1]

257. Obv. [1] [2] [3]

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258. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]

Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

259. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

Rev. [1]

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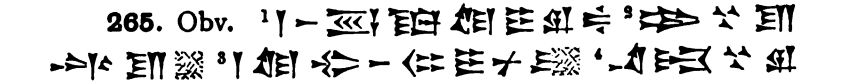
260. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] Rev. [1]

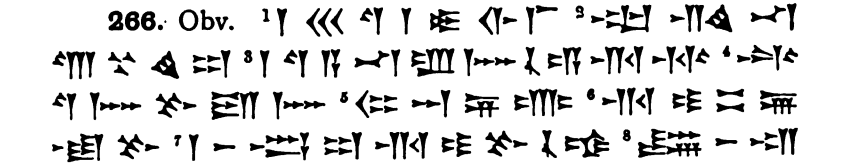
261. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] (*A few traces on reverse.*)

262. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] Rev. [1]

263. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] Rev. [1] [2]

264. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] Rev. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] Left-hand edge [1] [2]

265. Obv. 

266. Obv. 

267. Obv.

268. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15] [16] [17] [18] Rev. [1] [2] (?)

Left-hand edge

269. Obv.

Rev.

270. Obv.

271. Obv.

Left-hand edge.

272. Obv.

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273. Obv. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15] [16] [17] [18] Rev.

274. Obv. [1]

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275. Obv.

Rev.

276. Obv.

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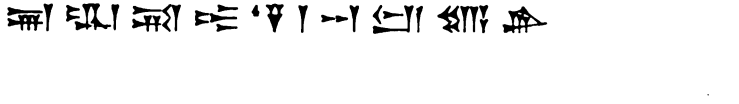
277. Obv.

Rev. 

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